

ORAL DEPOSITION OF SUSI VASSALLO, M.D.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

STEPHEN McCOLLUM, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) CIVIL ACTION
NO. 3:12-CV-02037
BRAD LIVINGSTON, et al.,)
Defendants.)

ORAL DEPOSITION

SUSI VASSALLO, M.D.

March 5, 2014

ORAL DEPOSITION OF SUSI VASSALLO, M.D., produced as
a witness at the instance of the Defendant UTMB and duly
sworn, was taken in the above-styled and numbered cause
on the 5th day of March, 2014, from 10:03 a.m. to
5:06 p.m., before Dalia F. Inman, Certified Shorthand
Reporter in and for the State of Texas, reported by
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78702, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
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1 some time and go down at some time.

2 So there will be intermittent changes in
3 the blood pressure readings, but it's -- I don't -- it's
4 my opinion that he had hypertension. Sometimes the
5 blood pressure readings were higher; sometimes they were
6 lower depending on the -- on a number of factors. But
7 in any case, he had hypertension in my opinion.

8 Q Did he have chronic hypertension?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And in your opinion, if you had been treating
11 this patient, what medication would you have prescribed?

12 A Well, the recommendations are to start with a
13 diuretic such as hydrochlorothiazide.

14 Q Do you have any complaint the fact that
15 Mr. Babbili prescribed hydrochlorothiazide for this
16 patient?

17 A No.

18 Q While he was at the McLennan County Jail, did
19 he receive any treatment for diabetes?

20 A No.

21 Q And when he came in to McLennan County, did he
22 report currently having diabetes?

23 A The medical record does not have diabetes
24 checked off. Now, I'm not certain as to who was
25 actually marking that, if it was himself with the chart